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Ms. Deborah Redmond Vice President Santa Barbara News & Review, Inc. 1930 De la Vina Street Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Dear Ms. Redmond:

This acknowledges receipt of your letter of 30 June 1977 requesting, under provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, access to any CIA records dealing with the Santa Barbara News & Review, Inc.

I shall arrange for a search of CIA files and shall be in further communication with you once the search has been completed and any records found reviewed for releasability under the Act.

With regard to your request for the files of unnamed persons in association with the Santa Barbara News & Review, Inc., please be advised that this is not a valid request for reasonably described records as prescribed in the Freedom of Information Act.

As you may know, the heavy volume of Freedom of Information requests received by the Agency has resulted in processing backlogs. If we do not respond within the 10 working days stipulated by the Act, it is your right to construe this as a denial, subject to appeal to the CIA Information Review Committee. It would seem more reasonable, however, for us to continue processing your request and to respond as soon as feasible. Unless we hear from you otherwise, we will assume that this is agreeable to you and proceed on this basis.

> Sincerely, Gene F. Wilson Information and Privacy Coordinator

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